

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
25 N. BROADWAY  
PERU, IN 46970  
MINUTES  
06-25-2012

Commissioner Boyer opened the meeting.

**YMCA STIMULUS PROJECT**

Kathy Brehmer, YMCA, and Jeff Kumfer, Project Manager, came before the Board with their recommendation of DT Construction for the award of the bid. Commissioner Francis made a motion to accept the recommendation to award the bid for construction to DT Construction. Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the bid and it passed 3-0.

**FIREWORKS**

Chris Betzner, Peru City Fire Chief, Howard Twining, Bunker Hill Fire Chief, Paul Foreman and Andy Zelinski, fireworks store owners all came before the Board to discuss the fire ban and the banning of fireworks. Chief Betzner started off by saying that the executive order issued by the Board of Commissioners last week overrides the legislation that states between June 29<sup>th</sup> and July 9<sup>th</sup> fireworks can be set off even with a burn ban in place. Everyone is aware that the condition under which this order was instituted has not changed. Paul Foreman sells fireworks and is also the person who will be doing the fireworks for the Bunker Hill Little League Festival this week end. Mr. Foreman stated that the fireworks is a very big draw for this festival and informed the Board of the precautions he takes and asked if there is any way they could still have the fireworks.

Chief Betzner stated that it is all or nothing, there is no splitting hairs. The dangers under these kinds of conditions is increased significantly.

Andy Zelinski stated that he has been to surrounding Counties where the crops are very brown from the heat while Miami Counties are still green and they have not banned fireworks and he doesn't believe there has been any fires related to fireworks. Commissioner Francis stated that he knows the other Counties are looking at restricting fireworks. Commissioner Francis further stated that the grass in his yard is dead and he knows that if someone set off fireworks and a spark landed in his yard, he would lose his home. Commissioner Faust said we have a very long County and sometimes the North end gets a lot of rain and the South end gets none and wondered if something like that happened could they adjust the ban. Chief Betzner said no we couldn't it had to be all or nothing.

Howard Twining said as Fire Chief in Bunker Hill he is not sure whether he would sign the permit or not given the conditions.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to leave the burn ban in place as is. Commissioner Faust was not comfortable with the motion and would still like to find a way to work something out. After further discussion Commissioner Francis amended his motion to include that if sufficient rainfall was received, the ban could be lifted immediately. Commissioner Chairman Boyer 2<sup>nd</sup> the amended motion and it passed 2-1(Faust).

**SURVEYOR**

Surveyor Greg Wilkinson asked the Board's approval to hire Greg Deeds, Registered Surveyor to GPS approximately 100 cornerstones (\$85 ea). Commissioner Faust made a motion to allow. Commissioner Francis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**IDEM**

The Board received notice from IDEM regarding the Air Quality at ComForce.

**RESIGNATION**

The Board received the resignation of Susan Anderson in the Veteran's Office who will be retiring July 31<sup>st</sup>.

**HIGHWAY**

Sam Waltz introduced Josh Halderman, a new employee at the Highway Department.

CLAIM VOUCHER FOR HANGER 200 PROJECT

Commissioner Faust made a motion to sign the voucher for the cost of the permits for the Hanger 200 project. Commissioner Francis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

PAYROLL

Commissioner Francis made a motion to pay the payroll and Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

MINUTES

Commissioner Francis made a motion to accept the minutes and Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Tim Miller brought in an agreement for Mr. Roberts to look over. National Geographic will be doing a segment in Miami County for the dogs trained at Von Liche Kennels and would like to film a piece at the jail.

There was also discussion as to whether or not the County should enter into a maintenance agreement with Metroplex.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Pat Roberts and the Board will review a final draft of the personnel policy next week.

FEMA LETTER

The Board received a letter from FEMA regarding the flood plain notifying the Board that a Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Map have been completed.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

**Adjourned**

**MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Chairman**  
**C. Craig Boyer**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Vice Chairman**  
**H. Jon Faust**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Member**  
**Joshua Francis**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Auditor**  
**Jane Lilley**